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Northwest Potato Production is Forecast at 252 Million Hundredweight, Down 2 Percent from Last Year.

Potato production in Idaho is forecast at 130 million cwt., down 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 324,000 acres, is up 4,000 acres from 2014. Yield is expected to be 402 cwt. per acre, down 13 cwt. from 2014. Production for the 10 Southwestern counties in Idaho is forecast at 9.45 million cwt., up 15 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 18,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from 2014. Yield is expected to be 525 cwt. per acre, up 10 cwt. from the previous year. Production in the other Idaho counties is forecast at 121 million cwt., down 3 percent from a year ago. Harvested area, at 306,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from 2014. Yield is expected to be 395 cwt. per acre, down 15 cwt. from 2014. Potato production in Oregon is forecast at 21.8 million cwt., down 3 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, at 38,900 acres, is unchanged from 2014. Yield is expected to be 560 cwt. per acre, down 20 cwt. from 2014. Potato production in Washington is forecast at 100 million cwt., down 1 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 170,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from 2014. Yield is expected to be 590 cwt. per acre, down 25 cwt. from the previous year.

Nationally, production of fall potatoes is forecast at 409 million cwt, up 1 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 946,000 acres is up 2 percent from 2014. Yield is expected to be 432 cwt. per acre, down 2 cwt. from the previous year. Total potato production in the United States is forecast at 446 million cwt., up 1 percent from 2014. Harvested area, at 1.06 million acres is up 1 percent from last year. Yield is expected to be 419 cwt. per acre, down 2 cwt. from 2014.

Fall Potato Acreage by Variety

The National Agricultural Statistics Service collects variety data in seven States, accounting for 82 percent of the 2015 United States fall potato planted acres. The seven States conduct objective yield surveys where all producing areas are sampled in proportion to planted acreage. Variety data are actual percentages from these surveys.

In the Northwest Region, the following varieties accounted for 10 percent or more of acres planted in 2015. In Idaho, the Russet Burbank variety accounted for 53.7 percent of the potato acreage planted. Russet Norkotah accounted for 16.2 percent of plantings, and Ranger Russet was 14.3 percent. In Oregon, the Russet Burbank variety accounted for 18.3 percent of planted acres. This was followed by Ranger Norkotah at 17.8 percent of plantings, Umatilla Russet at 16.5 percent, and Ranger at 14.9 percent of planted acres. In Washington, Russet Burbank accounted for 32.6 percent of acreage planted. Russet Norkotah accounted for 16.2 percent of plantings, followed by Umatilla Russet at 15.4 percent of plantings.

The most common variety in the seven states conducting the objective yield survey was Russet Burbank, which accounted 40.9 percent of acres planted in the seven states. This was followed by Russet Norkotah at 12.7 percent of planted acres.

Percent of Fall Potatoes Planted to Major Varieties — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Seven-State Total: 2014-2015

State and variety	Percent of planted acres		State and variety	Percent of planted acres	
	2014	2015		2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)		(percent)	(percent)
Idaho			Total (seven states) ²		
Russet Burbank	50.4	53.7	Russet Burbank.....	37.2	40.9
R Norkotah.....	17.0	16.2	R Norkotah	11.4	12.7
Ranger R.....	15.5	14.3	Ranger R	11.4	8.8
Umatillas	(NA)	2.1	Umatilla R.....	6.8	7.4
Norland	1.6	1.9	Frito-Lay	4.0	3.7
Bannock	1.5	1.6	Norland	3.9	3.0
Alturas.....	2.1	1.2	Alturas	2.9	2.2
Frito-Lay.....	(NA)	1.0	Bannock	1.7	1.5
Cal White	1.3	(NA)	Chieftain	0.8	1.4
Innovator.....	1.1	(NA)	Goldrush	1.4	1.4
Other ¹	9.5	8.0	Snowden	1.2	1.4
			Prospect	1.4	1.2
Oregon			Dakota Pearl.....	0.6	1.1
Russet Burbank	12.4	18.3	Shepody	1.6	0.9
R Norkotah.....	15.0	17.8	Lamoka.....	0.2	0.7
Umatilla R	9.6	16.5	Clearwater	0.7	0.6
Ranger R.....	24.2	14.9	Pike.....	0.4	0.6
Shepody.....	9.5	8.5	Atlantic.....	0.5	0.5
Alturas.....	10.3	4.7	Silverton	0.4	0.5
Frito-Lay.....	4.7	4.3	Yukon Gold.....	0.6	0.5
Premier.....	(NA)	2.8	Cherry Red.....	0.6	(NA)
Clearwater.....	1.3	2.6	Innovator	0.9	0.4
Modoc.....	2.6	1.7	Alpine.....	0.2	0.4
Yukon Gold.....	3.0	1.6	Rio Grande.....	0.2	(NA)
Lamoka.....	(NA)	1.2	White Pearl.....	0.1	(NA)
Pike.....	2.2	(NA)	Superior.....	0.3	0.4
Other ¹	5.2	5.1	Modoc.....	0.3	0.3
			La Chipper.....	(NA)	0.3
Washington			Satina.....	0.1	0.2
Russet Burbank	28.7	32.6	Cal White.....	0.5	0.2
R Norkotah.....	10.3	16.2	Keuka Gold.....	0.2	0.2
Umatilla R	15.1	15.4	Ivory Crisp.....	0.4	0.2
Ranger R.....	14.3	6.6	Cascade.....	0.2	0.2
Alturas.....	6.4	6.0	Norwis.....	0.3	0.2
Chieftain.....	1.3	4.1	Red La Soda.....	0.3	0.1
Pike.....	1.0	2.2	Klondike Rose.....	0.1	(NA)
Snowden	(NA)	2.2	Rosara.....	(NA)	0.1
Shepody.....	3.4	1.8	Agata.....	0.2	0.1
Frito-Lay.....	4.2	1.5	Colorado Rose.....	(NA)	0.1
Cherry Red.....	1.9	(NA)	Western Russet.....	0.3	0.1
Clearwater.....	1.7	1.3	Premier.....	(NA)	0.1
Lamoka	(NA)	1.0	Reba.....	(NA)	0.1
Other ¹	11.7	9.1	Ontario.....	(NA)	0.1
			Blazer.....	0.2	0.1
			Granola.....	(NA)	0.1
			Katahdin.....	(NA)	0.1
			Klondike Gold Dust.....	(NA)	0.1
			Sangre.....	(NA)	0.1
			All Blue.....	(NA)	0.1
			Other ¹	5.5	4.6

(NA) Not available.

¹ Other variety category includes varieties not listed in current publication and varieties listed but not available to publish.

² Seven program states include Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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